



Boozin'

Officials say alcohol plays a role on SDSU's campus, but it is a 'universal problem'

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Joshua Maples and his team challenged students to drive Mario Kart while wearing "drunk goggles," which opened students' eyes to how quickly alcohol can affect their bodies.

Maples is the residence hall director in Young Hall at South Dakota State University. Maples, along with members from the Residential Life and Housing, put together a program called Live Life in Full Bloom at the end of March. It stressed how students should make positive choices, especially with alcohol.

"And when you're sober and you are experiencing that, it is an eye opener," Maples said about students who participated in the Mario Kart event. "When you're not sober, that is when you make those poor decisions."

About four out of five college students drink alcohol, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. And in regards to SDSU, many people believe alcohol is a prob-

lem.

"From my perception, students believe that alcohol is more prevalent on campus than what it is," said Michelle Johnson, the Title IX/EEO coordinator on campus. "It is prevalent. I'm not saying that there isn't plenty of it. But I think they assume everybody's drinking and everybody's doing it."

Johnson said that there's enough to create a problem, but not to the level that people think it is.

Young adults, traditionally freshmen and sophomores, are in an "experimental stage" of their life, Johnson said. They no longer have parental guidance and they have more freedom to figure out what is for them and what isn't.

Don Challis, the assistant vice president for safety and security at SDSU, said alcohol is an issue that is not unique to SDSU but is an issue for campuses nationwide.

"Alcohol is a universal problem on college campuses and campuses are doing different

things to address those," Challis said.

They are seeing a lot of behaviors that result from drinking off campus, Challis said. However, he says there are events that alcohol is a factor. One example is tailgating.

Many students don't have the intention of going to the football game, but then they walk back to their residence halls or other areas intoxicated, which creates a problem, Challis said.

"We seem to place an undue amount of importance on alcohol at some of these student functions," he said. "We want people to be responsible. The law is 21, but we know this is a time of experimentation."

Shyler Funck, a junior apparel merchandising major at SDSU, recalls when she was a freshman living on campus. She agrees that when students first come to college, they have more of a tendency to drink.

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"This statistic was obtained from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Case by case: Alcohol class seeks to change campus culture of alcohol use on individual basis

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More than 200 students have gone through the South Dakota State alcohol referral program, the Choices, Chances and Changes class, this school year.

This referral program works as an intervention program to educate students and change their behaviors, said Doug Wermedal, interim vice president of student affairs. The class shows students how high-risk drinking behaviors can affect school performance as well as "erode their experience and reduce quality" because of high-risk drinking habits, he said.

According to Darci Nichols, assistant Wellness Center

director of counseling services and first-year teacher of the Choices, Chances and Changes class, the program allows students to make informed decisions.

"Education is what can instigate change. Early intervention in a student's college career is key to reduce high-risk binge drinking behaviors," Nichols said.

Attendance for the two-hour class spikes after Hobo Day celebrations in the fall and Pub Crawl in the spring, Nichols said.

Don Challis, vice president of safety and security, works with the University Police Department and sees the referrals for alcohol violations that go through the department. According to Challis, the program is effective.

"They don't see a lot of students more than once, which

means this intervention is being successful," Challis said.

The importance of changing behaviors resonates with Challis because most of the crimes on campus are because of alcohol, he said. Nichols and Wermedal agree that if students aren't referred a second time because of alcohol use, the class is a success.

Students have been exposed to alcohol since grade school and so don't need abstinence messages, Wermedal said. The Choices, Chances and Changes class offers necessary messages about high-risk drinking behaviors.

"If we're able to help one student ... that's worthwhile," Wermedal said.

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the Facts

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the Consequences

1,825 College students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor-vehicle crashes.

696,000 College students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking.

97,000 College students between the ages of 18 and 24 report experiencing alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.

Alcohol Dependency

Symptoms include:

- A strong craving for alcohol.
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- The inability to limit drinking

1 in 4 students report academic consequences from drinking.

Standard Drink Sizes

12 oz. Regular Beer (about 5% alcohol)	5 oz. Table Wine (about 12% alcohol)
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The university is combating “high-risk behaviors” associated with alcohol by stressing the short and long-term consequences for the general student body, particularly students involved in clubs and athletics.

Students involved in student organizations, clubs or athletics are required to follow the policies and procedures mandated by the South Dakota State University and, if they are an athlete, the Student Athlete Code of Conduct.

“The message of our institution is an educational one. An education along the lines of avoiding high-risk behaviors whether it’s in a club setting or a social setting,” said Doug Wermedal, the interim vice president for student affairs. “I see these behaviors every year cause the end, at least temporarily, of college careers.”

According to Wermedal, binge drinking is considered a “high-risk behavior” because it can lead to more extreme actions, including but not limited to: assault, sexual assault and theft.

The university “prohibitions aim at supporting South Dakota codified law,” Wermedal said. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol.

Rules and regulations that apply to the entire student body also apply to clubs and organizations.

If an organization is found to have alcohol, university officials would document the incident and try to solve the problem through educating the group, putting the club on probation, not allowing the recruitment of new members and, in extreme cases, would no longer recognize them as a student organization, Wermedal said.

“That almost never happens. We’re almost always able to affect the education we want at those lower levels and typically students are very responsive to those sorts of efforts to change behavior,” Wermedal said.

Students over the legal age of 21 are able to drink alcohol, but not on SDSU’s campus due to it being a dry campus. However, on trips for an organization they are legally able to purchase and drink alcohol.

“It is an inherently legal activity that is age constrained, so if you

are of age and you are not representing the university, then it’s an inherently legal activity,” Wermedal said. “If you’re not of age and you’re on a university sponsored trip, then that’s never OK. It’s never going to be OK for you to indulge because you are representing the university while you’re on that whole trip.”

Sarah Mayes, a senior animal science major, is a member of the meats judging team. This team travels across the nation for competitions. The coach for meats judging enforced no alcohol before competitions, but after a competition if a student was 21 then it was allowed.

“Our team by themselves... weren’t a party kind of team and that was partly because of our coach,” Mayes said. “We’re not going to [drink] unless we can do that together and our coach is very strict on who drinks and who cannot drink.”

Wermedal said teams and clubs don’t want to contribute to giving SDSU a bad reputation. “Students typically make good choices because they understand that travel for these clubs is a privilege and not a right,” Wermedal said.

The policies and procedures are similar for student athletes. In addition to following the code of conduct for all students, athletes also have to follow the Student Athlete Handbook.

All athletes are required to agree and comply with the handbook also known as the Code of Conduct.

If student athletes have an alcohol violation or break the Code of Conduct, they have to meet with Kathy Heylens, the senior associate athletic director for compliance and senior women’s administrator.

“The reason that we have this in place is that it doesn’t matter if you’re quarterback on the football team or if you’re a walk-on in swimming,” Heylens said. “The penalties or the sanctions need to be the same versus you’re a walk on or if you’re on a full scholarship.”

Each semester Heylens has about six or seven violations of the Code of Conduct. There are two types of violations that can be made: level one and level two.

Level one violations are more severe acts, including sexual assault, DUI or felony. Heylens said there are very few level one violations, but there are more level two, which are

disorderly conduct and minors.

“In addition to this, teams, individual teams, coaches also have their sanctions that they can impose,” Heylens said. “[The Code of Conduct] is just minimum. This is what everybody has to do.”

Coaches and teams are able to require players to complete additional consequences on top of the ones in the Athletic Code of Conduct. Lang Wedemeyer, head coach of women’s soccer, found that harsh consequences did not eliminate poor choices.

“We don’t have a lot of problems but it seems that the culture sometimes does not allow college age students in general, not just student athletes, to think clearly in those moments about the repercussions they may or may not suffer,” Wedemeyer said.

Instead, he created a group made up of the leaders from each class. The leaders then set the rules regarding alcohol, times for meetings and activities for the group.

“We found that that creates a greater buy in and they become more accountable to one another rather than just to the coaches,” Wedemeyer said.

Other teams can impose other types of sanctions in addition to the Code of Conduct, but the penalties are reviewed to make sure they are consistent and match the offense.

“All student athletes are held accountable by everyone else on the team so that if they make a poor decision it impacts the whole team,” Heylens said. “A poor choice you’ve made for yourself, this is a reflection of our whole team and where our goals are we’re trying to meet as a team.”

Whether the alcohol violation is made by a member of a student organization or an athlete, Wermedal’s goal is to have all students graduate.

“It is all about the diploma and the behaviors that we’ve seen stand in the way of good, talented, bright students and that awesome outcome of getting a diploma and going onto a career that they love and have an affection for,” Wermedal said. “Don’t turn your back on the opportunity of a lifetime for 20 minutes of fun on some isolated Friday.”

Pub Crawl doesn’t sit well with Main Street

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Broken windows, littered streets, torn-down awnings, ruined flowers and public urination—these are the disturbances businesses on Main Street deal with as a result of alcohol consumption.

The general consensus among businesses in Downtown Brookings is that they are more OK with Hobo Day than Pub Crawl, and the frequent disruptions are just part of living in a college town.

“Hobo Day is a long standing tradition,” Twila Peterson, a retail saleswoman at Jackrabbit Central, said. “There’s no need to mess with it.”

Kirsten Gjesdal, the owner of Carrot Seed, said she closes her store early on Pub Crawl to avoid any issues. She also has cameras aimed at her door to make sure nothing is broken or stolen especially during Pub Crawl.

“It’s just part of running a business in a place with a lot of bars,” Gjesdal said.

Cheryl Meyer, the owner of Party Depot, has had to experience some destruction of property. Cheryl said the store windows have been broken twice. But besides that, the only other issue on their side of Main Street seems to be parking, unlike the trash that accumulates more near the bars.

“It can get pretty loud and scary at 2 a.m. because of the big mobs of kids,” Cheryl said. “So, luckily we close at 6 p.m.”

Cheryl also said on Hobo Day and Pub Crawl there are only ever a few people out of control, and the majority of people are fine.

“I don’t want to criticize other businesses because they’re in business,” Cheryl said. “It mostly doesn’t affect us.”

Cubby’s does it’s best to keep things PG, Jeremy Deutsch said, a bartender at Cubby’s Sports Bar and Grill.

“We try to keep everyone in line and safe,” Deutsch said. “We train our workers how to handle serving alcohol.”

Deutsch said drinking comes with being a college town, and most people are prepared for the alcohol consumption on big days like Hobo

Day and Pub Crawl.

“They’re a tradition, so everyone knows what’s coming,” Deutsch said. “Honestly, we have more issues on a regular Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday because we have less staff working.”

Trayce Meyer, owner of Artworks, said his store has not had a lot of problems over the years. The main thing is that people tend to urinate in his entryway.

“I like to say we live in a town of incontinence,” Trayce said.

Like many other businesses, Trayce said that he doesn’t have a problem with Hobo Day because ever since the riot, there hasn’t been a whole lot of trouble. Pub Crawl is the event that can be kind of obnoxious, but this year wasn’t as bad compared to other years, he said.

“What makes me the saddest is Pub Crawl used to be low-key and mellow,” Trayce said. “It was kind of started by this older, Irish gentleman, Buck Connelly. And they would paint a shamrock on the street, get one drink at each bar and be done probably by nine.”

Peterson said, in her opinion, drinking only really seems to be a problem with underage students, which she attributes to raising the legal drinking age.

“House parties and underage drinking is excessive,” Peterson said. “The drinking age for me was 18. Making them [students] wait was pretty much asking for trouble.”

Dan Hansen, Brookings City Council member and an assistant dean, also voiced some concerns about binge drinking.

“Any time there’s potential for someone to binge drink it’s a bit concerning,” Hansen said. “Certainly there’s ways to take in alcohol in a responsible manner in a social atmosphere that can be constructive and safe.”

The issue of house parties disturbing the community has never been brought to his attention in a formal manner since he has been part of the city council, Hansen said. But when it comes to house parties, it’s not necessarily something that needs to or can be decided on the city level. It is more so a discussion that needs to happen within neighborhoods on how to handle the situation.

“As a city council we just have to make sure all our citizens are making wise decisions, that we’re protecting the public, that we have resources available whether that be police or otherwise...if something gets out of control,” Hansen said.

Much like most businesses on Main Street, Hobo Day is a welcomed celebration for Hansen.

“Being a person who used to serve on the Hobo Day committee, it always has a special place in my heart,” Hansen said. “I think there’s a lot to Hobo Day and Hobo Week that goes beyond alcohol. Certainly there’s a group of people that partake in alcohol, but the vast majority of the people that do it, do it responsibly. It’s part of a bigger celebration.”

However, Hansen said when it comes to Pub Crawl, he struggles with it a little bit more.

“One of the concerns I have about Pub Crawl is it happens early in the afternoon,” Hansen said. “It’s something as a parent I would avoid. And when I avoid it, it means I’m not spending money in downtown Brookings...and that’s revenue lost.”

Hansen said he believes the relationship between drinking and non-drinking businesses on Main Street have a positive relationship during most weekdays and weekends and coexist well. But, there may be room for improvement when it comes to Pub Crawl.

“It [Pub Crawl] also has a long tradition here at Brookings, but I think it’s a little less rooted in comparison to Hobo Day,” Hansen said. “Certainly I think there might be some potential for changes that could be made to make it maybe a little bit safer of an event and make it possible for downtown businesses that aren’t drinking establishments to coexist with those that are [during Pub Crawl].”

For business owners, it all comes back to being courteous.

“I wish people would be respectful of downtown,” Gjesdal said. “I know it’s hard to do when you’re drunk, but we’re working hard to make downtown a nice place, so please don’t break windows or rip up flowers.”

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During India Night on the April 17, Veda Varnekar and Ruchi Dubey perform a dance known as Bharatanatyam.

Bigger than Bollywood

India Night shows diversity of culture

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The sounds of laughter and conversation greeted each person as they walked into the 27th annual India Night April 17.

Whether conversations were in English or Hindi, India Night was a time for celebration and education about the home country of about 150 South Dakota State students, the largest population of international students on campus.

More than 500 people filled the Volstorff Ballroom for the event, with some people standing in corners because there weren't enough tables.

As the Indian flag hung on one side of the stage and the American flag hung on the other student, faculty and community members celebrated the intersection of both cultures throughout the night. The diversity of Indian culture was also showcased through food, music, dance and trivia.

"India is not only one culture, but lots of culture and it includes influence from Western culture also," said Devansh Singh, Indian Students Association president.

Conversations stopped as the first performance of the night started, filling the Volstorff Ballroom speakers with music and Geeta Varnekar capturing the audience's attention with her performance of Ganesh Vandana, a prayer for a prosperous life.

After Varnekar finished her performance,

it was time for food. The meal included multiple traditional Indian dishes with SDSU ice cream for dessert.

Dishes included tandoori chicken, a popular Indian delicacy; chicken curry; chana masala, a Punjabi, spicy chickpea curry; matar paneer, a North Indian recipe with peas and paneer in gravy; veg biryani, a dish with seasoned rice and vegetables; raita, a side dish with yogurt and vegetables; naan bread and gulab jamun, deep fried donut-like balls soaked in sugar syrup.

More than ten performances followed the meal, including musical performances as well as solo and group dance performances. These performances were Jamie Dittrich's favorite part of the night.

"They were really entertaining," said Dittrich, an early childhood education major. "I liked watching the style and the way they danced in their culture."

There were two musical performances during the night featuring Sangay Bhutia in the first performance and Ravi Dutt, Kanishka Jaysooriya, Dilumina Welagedara, Ryan Sailors and Briana Trembl in the second performance. The dance performances throughout the night featured traditional and contemporary dances, emphasizing the diversity of Indian culture and Western influence on Indian culture.

One of the traditional dances performed during the night was the Bharatanatyam performed by Veda Varnekar and Ruchi Dubey. The

Bharatanatyam was established in the third century BCE and represents fire in the human body and is considered to be the dance of the Indian god, Shiva, according to Viraj Patel, a host for the night.

Ann Fennell, a faculty member in the Plant Science Department, said the music and dancing was her favorite part of the night. The difference in dance and dress were important to her because they showed how diverse the culture is.

"I loved the music and dancing—it was beautiful. It was happy, exciting, colorful and so well done," Fennell said.

Fennell particularly liked the last dance of the night, which represented four different cultures in India. Shikha Singh, Shuchi Smita, Anyesha Sarkar and Navjot Kaur performed four different songs from each of their representative states in Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Punjab.

According to Dubey, also a host for India Night, it was outstanding they were performing these songs because they "represent the idea of unity with diversity" and blend four different cultures in India.

"We tried to show all the culture including all the parts—not just from the north or south, but we tried to cover all the parts from India," Singh said. "It was a whole package all together, so we tried our best to show the Indian culture, not just go for Bollywood or something, but just to show our culture."

#BehindTheScenesSDSU: The Research Park

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The Research Park at South Dakota State University is a collaborative facility for SDSU and industry partners to foster research as well as develop ideas and new companies.

About 170 people work in the three buildings of the park, which covers about 125 acres. The Innovation Center, the Seed Technology Laboratory and the Speculative "spec" Building all make up the research park.

THE INNOVATION CENTER AND SPEC BUILDING
A "spec" building is basically a shell of a building, which leaves the inside unfinished. Once businesses are added into the research park and lease the space, they can finish the construction in a few months.

The "spec" building is beneficial to the park because it gets the preliminary construction out of the way, which is the hardest, said Dwaine Chapel, the executive director of the research park.

The innovation center houses offices, meeting areas and the incubator for businesses.

The incubator helps develop businesses through services, such as: advice from entrepreneurs, aid from attorneys on legal matters and a maker's space. The maker's space is an area that allows people to construct prototypes of their ideas. This area includes 3-D printing, an area for software design and even a kitchen if entrepreneurs are trying to develop new foods.

"With the maker's space, that was one of the last pieces of the puzzle to bring the incubator all together," Chapel said.

They also have a virtual office, which can be rented for \$100 a month. This is for businesses not yet ready to go into an office setting. They get access to a team of entrepreneurs, meeting rooms and will have an address to use as their place of business.

"We really have tried to cover everything someone might want or need," Chapel said.

Entrepreneurs have access to attorneys to aid in the legal side of things including patent development, Chapel said.

"Our research park is specifically designed to be a home to start up companies coming out of the university," Chapel said. "So, that's really why we're here—so that there's a place for that technology and innovation to thrive once it gets out of the initial stages of growth and development on campus."

Several success stories have come since the beginning of the research park, Chapel said. One of those success stories includes Prairie Aquatech, a company started at SDSU that is housed in the Brookings Technology Commercialization Center.

According to South Dakota State's website, Prairie Aquatech was started by SDSU Professors William Gibbons and Michael Brown. The company markets high-quality, commercial fish feed ingredients made from feedstock, such as soybean meal or distillers' grains.

Chapel said the research park is working through further development stages with the company, and they hope to help Prairie Aquatech get a building in the research park.

"Sometimes you need big visions to accomplish things," Chapel said.

Chapel said the best part of working at the research park is helping people develop

their dreams.

"It is just extremely exciting to see someone walk into the front door knowing that we have all these resident entrepreneurs on hand and can connect them with the appropriate team members," Chapel said. "And that is just exciting because, whether they are 22, 42 or 62, they are excited because their idea has a chance to be commercialized."

The research park is currently in negotiations to add on another 35,000 square-foot "spec" building, which will probably not be seen until 2017, Chapel said. However, there are other big things in the research park's future.

"The interesting thing about economic development is you really work under the radar," Chapel said. "A lot of the things you do you can't talk about until it's ready to announce. I think the community will be very excited in mid to late May on a couple of announcements we have coming out."

THE SEED TECHNOLOGY LAB

Several things are housed within the lab: the state seed testing lab, South Dakota Crop Improvement Association, crop quality lab, molecular biology research labs (which includes winter and spring wheat breeding projects, oat breeding projects and pathology and genome research labs), greenhouses, biocontainment research lab and graduate and faculty offices.

"The amount of research that comes out of here is really important," said Brent Turinipseed, the seed lab manager and an SDSU professor.

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Relay for Life aims to raise donations

PAT BOWDEN
Reporter

Colleges Against Cancer will host its main fundraising event of the year, Relay for Life, Friday, April 22 in Sexauer Field from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. Participants will partake in a campus and community walk, food, games and entertainment all to raise awareness and donations for the American Cancer Society.

Funds given to the American Cancer Society go toward hope lodges, calling centers, cancer patient travel costs, medical bills and cancer research.

The race entrance fee for individuals or groups to sign up online is \$10. Groups that register can set up a table and start their own original ways to fundraise for Colleges Against Cancer.

According to Julia Audrus, medical laboratory science major and Colleges Against Cancer student sponsor, people who aren't necessarily impacted by cancer should consider going to the event to help the general cause.

"[People should participate so] you can give someone who's fighting cancer more birthdays," Audrus said. "I know a lot of people are involved the group who aren't directly affected by cancer. Just seeing how it affects the family members of the patient kind of motivates them."

Relay for Life will also feature an honorary survivor, Kim Weeks, who will speak about her experience going through and surviving cancer. New to this year will also be an honorary caregiver, Miken Albers, who will speak about her experience helping someone close to her go through treatment.

"To have an honorary survivor means we can honor all the work they went through on fighting cancer. We let them share their story to explain how much cancer can take out of a patient and family," Colleges Against Cancer student sponsor Shelby Palmquist said. "To have an honorary caregiver means we can honor all the support they did for their loved one who had cancer."

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about Weeks and Albers

Some students who don't know what it's like to have a close one go through cancer can learn what it's like on both sides of the hospital bed, Audrus said.

"I think it's really important [to have an honorary survivor speak] for people who haven't had people in their life affected by cancer, so hearing that really affirmed me that I'm doing this and it shows that what we're doing is affecting people," Audrus said.

Although Colleges Against Cancer holds fundraising events throughout the year, this event is special because it raises awareness throughout the community as well as the campus, according to Jennifer Feilmeier, Colleges Against Cancer chair holder and pre-nursing major.

"It's been very stressful [planning this event], there's a lot more that goes into that most expect. It's a lot of work and talking to a lot of people, but it's still a fun experience," Feilmeier said.

Feilmeier expects the amount of participants to rise from last year's event.

The event is open to the public so that it may have an impact in the lives of those who aren't directly affected by cancer, Albers said.

"Our club is really about spreading awareness of cancer around the community. We have been fundraising and reaching out to local businesses within Brookings, and everyone has been amazing," Albers said. "Most of us, if not all, have been affected by cancer at some point, and I think that what drives us the most is that we are doing something bigger than ourselves, and we are working to see an end of this ruthless disease."

Weeks is excited to speak about her experiences through cancer and share another day with her daughter and SDSU student Jarah Weeks.

"I don't mean to sound cheesy, but I am honored," Weeks said. "She [Jarah] was only in middle school when I was diagnosed ... she had to be terrified, she has been through it all with me. This is a testament to the kind of human being that my daughter, Jarah, is."

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New boutique to offer variety in Brookings

HANNAH KOELLER
Reporter

The fifth new store in Brookings in a matter of five months, Blush Boutique, offers clothing for every generation in extended sizes.

Blush Boutique opened in March and sells a variety of clothing and accessory options targeted for women of all ages.

"I've got a lot of cute summer clothes, casual-business wear, some fun dresses and great shoes," Rachele Anderson, the owner, said. "I kind of wanted to hit every generation."

The store also includes a lot of different sizes, which Anderson said she feels are limited in other clothing stores in town.

Anderson decided to open a clothing boutique to give Brookings more options for shopping.

"I had the opportunity of an availability for a spot in a great location, so I decided to give it a try and hope to draw some people in," Anderson said.

The new boutiques opening this year are a great way to keep shoppers in Brookings, according to Joni Frolek, membership director at the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I would like to think that the reason for more boutiques opening in Brookings is because there was a need for more retail clothing stores," Frolek said. "There seems to be a trend that the owners of these new businesses are current residents of Brookings and wanted to fill a need in the community."

Additional shopping opportunities have not gone unnoticed by students. Amy Neitzel, a senior accounting major, said new store owners must have realized

the demand for more clothing retailers in Brookings.

"I think it's great that more clothing stores are opening in Brookings," Neitzel said. "As a college student, it's hard to find time to make it down to Sioux Falls to go shopping when classes are busy. It's nice to get what you need here in Brookings."

As for Blush Boutique, Anderson said she believes someone could come into her store and put a whole outfit together, from clothes to shoes to accessories.

The boutique now has an online store, which is also accessible through Blush's Facebook page.

Blush Boutique is located along 6th Street in the Brickwood Plaza. It is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the week and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.



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Issue:
There is a perception that student athletes get special treatment for alcohol violations.

Alcohol stereotypes don't always ring true

It is a common stereotype to assume people in the Midwest drink more than other parts of the country. Many people say this is because there is nothing else to do in South Dakota. There is even a sense of pride in being able to drink a large amount.

But, what does this mean for South Dakota State University?

SDSU can be found on some lists of top party schools in the country. In some cases, students come to campus because they want to go to a party school for a "good" time.

Trying to tell students to stop drinking is impossible. It will cause them to drink more. Instead, university officials are trying to encourage safe drinking. Groups such as HEROH, Residential Life and Housing and Residence Hall Association are putting out programs to bring more awareness to students about alcohol and other substances.

The problem is there are

events hosted by the college and community that reinforce the drinking stereotype.

Hobo Day is a celebration of school pride, but people also use it as an excuse to drink excessive amounts of alcohol. Others partake in Pub Crawl where they start drinking in the early afternoon until the wee hours of the morning.

All students are affected by the issue of alcohol. Students want to drink and fit in with the rest of their peers, but there are consequences for underage drinking and reckless drinking including underage consumption, DUI, assault, sexual assault and other consequences.

Athletes are more visible in the SDSU alcohol culture than the majority of students.

Student athletes are held to a higher standard because they are representatives of the university as well as receiving scholarships and other incentives.

If athletes are caught with an alcohol violation, they are

held to the standards of the student Code of Conduct, the Code of Conduct for athletes and rules mandated by their specific team. The individual violation may hinder the team as a whole rather than just one person.

The general student body may think student athletes get special treatment because they are athletes. This is not entirely accurate. People who are influential to a team realize their importance and most of the time will be more discreet in their behaviors or not drink.

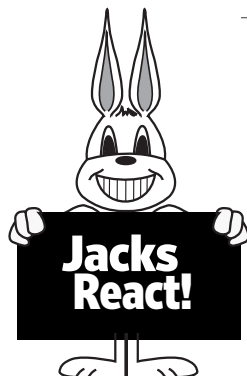
Some student athletes do live up to the stereotype of acting poorly and making bad decisions, but those individuals are limited.

In reality, student athletes are students as well as being athletes. Their behavior is the same as the general student body.

Students, athletes or not, should practice safe behaviors when they are drinking and realize their choices in the present have consequences in the future.

Stance:
The alcohol culture on campus dictates how students act and are perceived, including athletes.

The Collegian staff meets weekly and agrees on the issue of the editorial. The editorial represents the opinion of The Collegian.



"I think a majority of the campus does drink, so I suppose it could be considered a problem. Yeah, overall I think there is a problem."

Mariah Mortenson
Nursing
Senior



"I don't think there is necessarily a problem at SDSU. But I do think that people from smaller towns are more likely to drink as compared to people from a larger town."

Morgan Brower
Biology Pre-Dental
Freshman



"I think there are a lot of people who don't drink, but you never hear about those people. You only hear about the ones who do drink."

Hailey Heaton
Nursing
Senior



"I think that drinking is related to how one is raised. Also, I think drinking in college students depends on their course load. Less credits probably means more drinking."

Leah Geffre
Biology Pre-PA
Freshman

Do you think there is a drinking problem at SDSU?

When does liquid courage become liquid dependence?

JORDAN BIERBRAUER
Opinion Editor

Let's face it, college can suck sometimes. It can really suck.

Most of the time, college is a fulfilling experience that teaches students independence and life lessons, but then there are those points when everything piles up at once and the feeling of suffocation kicks in.

What does one do? What can they do? They need something to help them get a release, to forget everything for a bit. They need a coping method. This is where alcohol comes in.

One's first encounter with alcohol can start out innocent enough. Perhaps they just want to try something new. Perhaps they just want to fit in. Whatever the reason might be, almost everyone is bound to try alcohol at least once in their life, which, personally, I feel is OK.

But when that first sip of alcohol turns into countless sips, that is where trouble occurs.

Even between the ages of 18 to 22 years old, it is possible for college students to become addicted to alcohol. And once addiction sets in, it is a slippery slope.

Why does addiction with alcohol occur? Some may blame it on weak willpower or the intention of just trying to seem cool, but addiction goes further than that. According to The University of California at San Francisco, when one consumes alcohol, endorphins release into the nucleus accumbens and the orbitofrontal cortex regions within the brain.

Endorphins are essentially proteins that are responsible for good feelings and pleasure, so when they are released into the nucleus accumbens (the region of the brain linked to addictive

behavior) and the orbitofrontal cortex (the region of the brain linked to decision-making) a bad result is bound to occur.

With all this being said, it is plain to see how addiction can occur at a biological level. Once a person starts feeling really good from alcohol consumption, they are bound to drink more to try and increase those feelings of satisfaction. Once the feeling goes away, they will crave it once more, and thus, begin a vicious cycle of binge drinking.

The dangers of drinking can range anywhere from accidental pregnancy to death. So with the dangers of drinking and the knowledge of alcohol's addictiveness being known, why do students still choose to drink to the point where they become addicted to it?

They use it as a coping method. No matter how you break it down, drinking is always used

to forget something. Just failed a test? Take a shot. Just broke up with someone? Drink a beer. Just want to unwind from the day and forget the tedious tasks that everyday life brings? Mix a drink. Just want to overcome shyness and become a social butterfly? Ride the rail.

I am a firm believer that excessive drinking can always be linked to coping with something. I will admit it, I have drank before with the intent of getting plastered just so I can forget about life's troubles for a while. Is the massive hangover the next day always worth it? Definitely not. But drinking is one of the easiest coping methods, so that is why it remains relevant. But honestly, there are other, healthier ways to cope.

A student can cope by working out, reading, playing an instrument, learning something new, hanging with friends,

talking with friends, going for runs, etc. There are so many ways to deal with everyday troubles in a healthy manner. One's life should never be put on the line when it comes to merely trying to cope.

College is hard, and everyone is in the same boat. Coping is necessary and most people would not judge if a person copes by getting wasted one night. But when that one night turns into a week and then into a month, that is when problems occur. Remember, there is always an alternative way to cope other than drinking, the hard part is just finding the right coping method.

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Education is essential when it comes to alcohol consumption

LAUREN KREMER
Columnist

It's something parents warn their children about when they bring them to college. It's something that "everyone" does and it's something that most college students aren't legally allowed to consume until they're 21.

It's alcohol. Movies and television shows depict college life to be this extravagant drinking atmosphere, but they never really portray the aftermath of their irresponsibility. And because of this and the natural belief of invincibility, college students will get themselves into trouble when drinking.

Often, it isn't the act of consuming alcohol that makes it the issue. It's the lack of prior experience with alcoholic beverages. Granted, consuming alcohol under the age of 21 is il-

legal, but realistically speaking, most college students choose to ignore the law.

The correlation with college and drinking shouldn't be taken as a need to punish students in attempt to completely get rid of this issue. A situation like this needs to involve educating new adults on the act of responsible drinking.

It is nearly impossible to try to ignore drinking on college campuses. Even on a campus such as ours, that restricts any alcohol on campus, it is unrealistic to believe it still doesn't happen.

The common goal for college students on a weekend isn't just to consume a few casual drinks as most adults do in a social setting. A college student understands the potential harms of drinking too much, but the goal is getting to the point of belligerence.

When underage adults are

drinking, responsibility is subsided to wanting to have more fun. They believe fun can only come from a large consumption of alcohol and safety is no longer considered. Perhaps it's because most don't understand their limits of becoming severely intoxicated as opposed to casually drinking.

This is why some parents allow their children to consume a limited amount of alcohol in a safe environment. Twenty-six states allow adults under the age of 21 to consume alcohol on private property with the presence of a legal guardian. Although South Dakota is not one of those, states like Minnesota or Iowa do allow this to happen.

There are many pros for this law. The necessity for a legal guardian to be present when consuming alcohol underage, drinking responsibly is learned. For example, if

a young adult sees and begins to understand the appropriate amount to get them drunk or buzzed there would no longer be the fear of blackout.

When alcohol starts to turn into something more casual instead of an excuse to gain confidence, that's when responsibility is established.

There's a reason why the drinking age is what it is. A typical college student moves away from home and in order to do well, he or she must learn how to succeed on their own and this is their first introduction to true responsibility. By the age of 21 enough has gone on in an adults' life to understand their own liability.

In the end, alcohol is going to remain active in some college students' life, but some sort of education needs to implement order to ensure safety. This could mean more than a talk between parent and child

on alcohol safety.

Most of the time, students don't understand the true harm years of excessive drinking have on their brains and mental health. They're too concerned about the festivities the rest of the night holds, and when they're caught with alcohol on campus, the faculty is to blame instead of taking responsibility for themselves.

Too many preventable deaths or injuries occur because of incorrectly consuming alcohol and more needs to be done to change this. Education and talking openly about the subject of alcohol can help immensely.

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Students' role in sustainability

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Out of the three pillars of sustainability--environmental, economic and social--the latter is perhaps the most overlooked. This is especially troubling, since social sustainability plays a crucial role in every community, particularly on college campuses.

So, what is social sustainability? Providing equity and ensuring good-standards of living, social sustainability affects all communities, but emphasizes improving the lives of the less fortunate.

To quote Randy Bowden, "the basic notion of sustainability is taking responsibility for the fact that our actions have an impact on others...Social sustainability considers the entire worldview in relation to globalization, communities and culture."

How does this affect

college students and college campuses? Let's take the University of "Mizzou" Missouri for example, where social sustainability, for a long time, was nowhere to be seen.

Racism was prevalent on Mizzou's campus, targeting minorities in extremely cruel ways, with administrators failing to put an end to this type of behavior. However, social sustainability occurred when students from Mizzou, and around the country, protested these atrocities, congregating to initiate change not only on Mizzou's campus, but campuses across the nation.

Mizzou is the perfect example of how you, as students, can help social sustainability thrive. As human beings, we cannot be bystanders. Like the students at Mizzou, if you see instances of mistreatment on college campuses, whatever they may be, do something about it.

The most important

thing to do as a student is to educate yourselves. Attend meetings like Gay Straight Alliance, Black Students Alliance and Feminist Equality Movement. Go to events that talk about different social issues affecting communities today and participate in fruitful discussions surrounding these topics with other students to learn different perspectives.

If you see it happening, protest discrimination--be proactive. That's the most important part of our role as students. As Rev. Desmond Tutu said, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."

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Drinking comes with age

BRENNA RAMSDEN
Columnist

I like to think I have a fine taste for alcohol. My hometown had one of the best wineries in Southwest Wisconsin, I take care of social media and promotions for a new distillery in Northern Idaho and my dad even made home brews.

What I'm trying to say is alcohol is not bad in moderation, and I don't think that you have to be 21 to enjoy alcohol socially.

I remember the first time I had a drink: I was in second grade and my dad gave me a shot of blackberry brandy to get rid of my cold. I remember spitting it up as soon as it hit the back of my throat and thinking it was the worst cough medicine I had ever tasted. Today, as soon as I have phlegm in my lungs, I take a shot of blackberry brandy and thank my dad for teaching me how to drink.

In my opinion, too many students come to college without the knowledge of how to drink in moderation, knowing their limits or knowing the people to surround themselves with.

Most of my friends I met in college hadn't had much to drink before they left home. Those were the friends who drank way more than they could handle, puked everywhere and often put themselves in poor situations at parties. I used to take on the "mom" role when I went out with my friends because I knew my surroundings and knew my limits.

I'm not saying that parents should hand their kids a beer and make a spec-

tacle out of drinking, but I do think it is important for parents to have conversations with their children about drinking. It is important to give them a safe environment to experiment with alcohol.

Most of my friends in high school had parents who shared the same idea as mine: drink, be safe and call for a ride.

This gave us the ability to make our own decisions about alcohol and helped us figure out how to drink responsibly. I feel that, when you come to college, there is so much pressure to drink, and if you haven't had a drink before your freshman year, you are pressured to drink even harder. Too many students end up in bad situations with people they hardly know because they didn't have knowledge of alcohol before college.

I don't think that the legal drinking age is too high, but I do think that drinking is a skill that parents should instill in their kids before college.

My college friends always comment on how much I can drink and my ability to still be a "mom" while intoxicated. I am usually chosen to play bartender every time we get together, and I am always asked what I'm ordering when we go out. I would like to accredit it to my good taste, but I think it's actually because I grew up in Wisconsin. It also has something to do with those long nights my friends and I spent in the basement drinking "sweet tarts" in high school.

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Medical Laboratory Professionals Week increases awareness of profession

HANNAH KOELLER
Reporter

Each year during the last full week of April, practitioners of clinical laboratory science around the country celebrate Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (MLPW).

This week provides an opportunity for the profession to increase appreciation and understanding of personnel in the field, according to the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS).

At South Dakota State University, the Department of Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) and the MLS club have plans for the week of April 24 through 30. “The MLS Club is doing a ‘Cookies and Canvas’ event,” said Patricia Tille, associate professor and program director of MLS. “Science paintings will be on display in the lobby of the Avera Health and Science Center during the week.”

About 100 students on campus major in MLS. The MLS program is a two-year professional program that culminates into a six-month clinical experience at an affiliated laboratory, Tille said.

Students in the major typically end up working in clinical diagnostic, genetic, research, veterinary or public health laboratories performing research and development of diagnostic tests. Others continue on to Ph.D. programs, medical school or physician assistant programs.

One great part about the field, according to MLS club president Emily Young, is the variety of opportunities available to its graduates.

“After graduating, I hope to spend a few years gaining some experience in a hospital and then doing missionary work,” Young said. “The beautiful thing about this major is the wide variety of options we will have after we graduate.”

In the eighth grade, Young spent time volunteering hospital, which helped her realize that she wanted work in the medical field.

Though she started as a nursing major, she soon learned that MLS was a better fit for her.

“I discovered the lab and fell in love,” Young said. “The more research I did on my own, the

more I wanted to be a part of it.” SDSU’s MLS Club does various things on and off campus, Young said. Most recently, the club entered a video contest sponsored by the ASCLS and won.

This summer, because of their success in the contest, Young and a few other club members will travel to Philadelphia for the ASCLS national meeting.

But the club’s biggest event takes places in the fall. It is their Be the Match bone marrow donor drive.

“During the event, we help people join a worldwide registry of those who are willing to be a donor if and when the time comes,” Young said. “All they have to do is fill out the paperwork, let us swab their cheek and be willing to make the commitment.”

According to Tille, the MLS club, which has about 35 active members, has made a big difference in bringing recognition to the department.

“We have many students who are involved in our state chapter and national chapter of the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science,” Tille said. “Students serve on state, regional and national committees that influence the laboratory diagnostic field in the United States.”

She said the clinical laboratory science profession is important because of decisions personnel help physicians make on a daily basis.

“Eighty percent of the diagnostic decisions made by physicians relies on the detailed and accurate information provided by the medical laboratory science professionals,” Tille said. “Without their work, patients would not receive quality medical care.”

Young had a similar opinion, saying the lab is an integral and vital part of any hospital.

“In my opinion, this profession is important because without medical laboratory scientists, the healthcare system would not be where it is today,” Young said. “Patient diagnosis and treatment hinges on laboratory testing.”

MLPW, in its forty-first year, will continue to emphasize the importance of and bring awareness to the over 300,000 people in the profession.

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>> Research Park Continued from A3

“The direct impact to the farming economy in the state is huge because of the new varieties [of seed] that are coming out of this place.”

Turnipseed said the lab also has a kitchen of sorts where bread and dough are made from the flour of different germ-plasm varieties to determine the dough strength to develop the best baking characteristics, Turnipseed said.

“We get samples from at least 13 different states routinely,” Turnipseed said. “This year we’ve had samples from California and Maine.”

Turnipseed attributes this to the quality of work at the seed

testing lab.

“Part of it is our reputation,” Turnipseed said. “We pride ourselves in being very good and not missing things.”

The lab employs about 20 students throughout the year, Turnipseed said. Students have a range of duties once employed at the lab and may cross train across two or three jobs. Work duties range from dividing seed samples to testing seed viability and endurance to cross-pollinating and planting.

Kyle Schnabel, a freshman Agricultural Systems Technology major, decided to follow his brother’s footsteps and work at the Seed Technology Lab during his college career. A perk for Schnabel was that the lab worked with his school schedule.

>> RUTH HARPER Continued from A5

Jay Trenhaile, the head of the Department of Counseling and Human Development, said in an email when he first met Harper during his faculty interview at SDSU in 1999 her enthusiasm for working with students was evident.

“Since that initial meeting it was clear that Ruth was very passionate about the Student Affairs profession,” Trenhaile said. “But she was also equally passionate about all of the students she worked with at SDSU. Ruth has left a lasting legacy within the CHRD program and at the university. I’m very fortunate to have worked with her and I know her students feel the same way.”

Rachel Willson, an alum of SDSU, who is now a digital marketing coordinator at Capital Services and Marketing in Sioux Falls, remembers Harper as being helpful and compassionate.

“It was amazing to work with her,” Wilson said. “She is a club adviser who takes an interest and attends the meetings regularly.”

Harper also participates in safe-zone training, where students and faculty members learn about the LGBT community. She serves on the Tiospaye Council of the American Indian Education and Cultural Center at SDSU, and was recently honored with a star quilt by the students and staff of the AIECC.

“Every time I come in, there’s something new to do,” Schnabel said. “It’s never the same.”

The Seed Technology Lab has provided him a new opportunity to learn things throughout college, Schnabel said.

Turnipseed said the seed testing lab gets a lot of interesting jobs, testing the seeds from chicken manure and the stomach contents of various wildlife being among them.

Another interesting piece of research from the Seed Technology Lab came from Padu Krishnan, an SDSU cereal chemist. Krishnan received recognition in the Wall Street Journal for his recipe to make snickerdoodle cookies from dried distillers’ grains.

“I want to retire while I still love what I’m doing,” Harper, 64, said. “And the students still think I’m competent.”

She plans to use her retirement to write her fourth book. Harper has co-authored three books, her most recent, titled: “More Than Listening: A Casebook for Using Counseling Skills in Student Affairs Work.” This book offers student affairs professionals basic counseling theories and techniques appropriate for non-counselors who work with college students.

The next book does something similar, focusing instead on teaching skills for practitioners in student affairs.

Harper will also be working part-time on a project related to the American Indian graduate education next year at SDSU.

“I’m really grateful for the experience,” Harper said. “I will miss the students. I really love my students.”



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During her retirement, Ruth Harper plans to write her fourth book and assist with a project related to the American Indian graduate education.

CORRECTION: In the April 13th edition of The Collegian, the results of the Students’ Choice survey should read that the winner of the best jewelry was Wink’s Fine Jewelry, the best automotive service was Ron’s Auto Repair and the best florist was Hy-Vee Floral.

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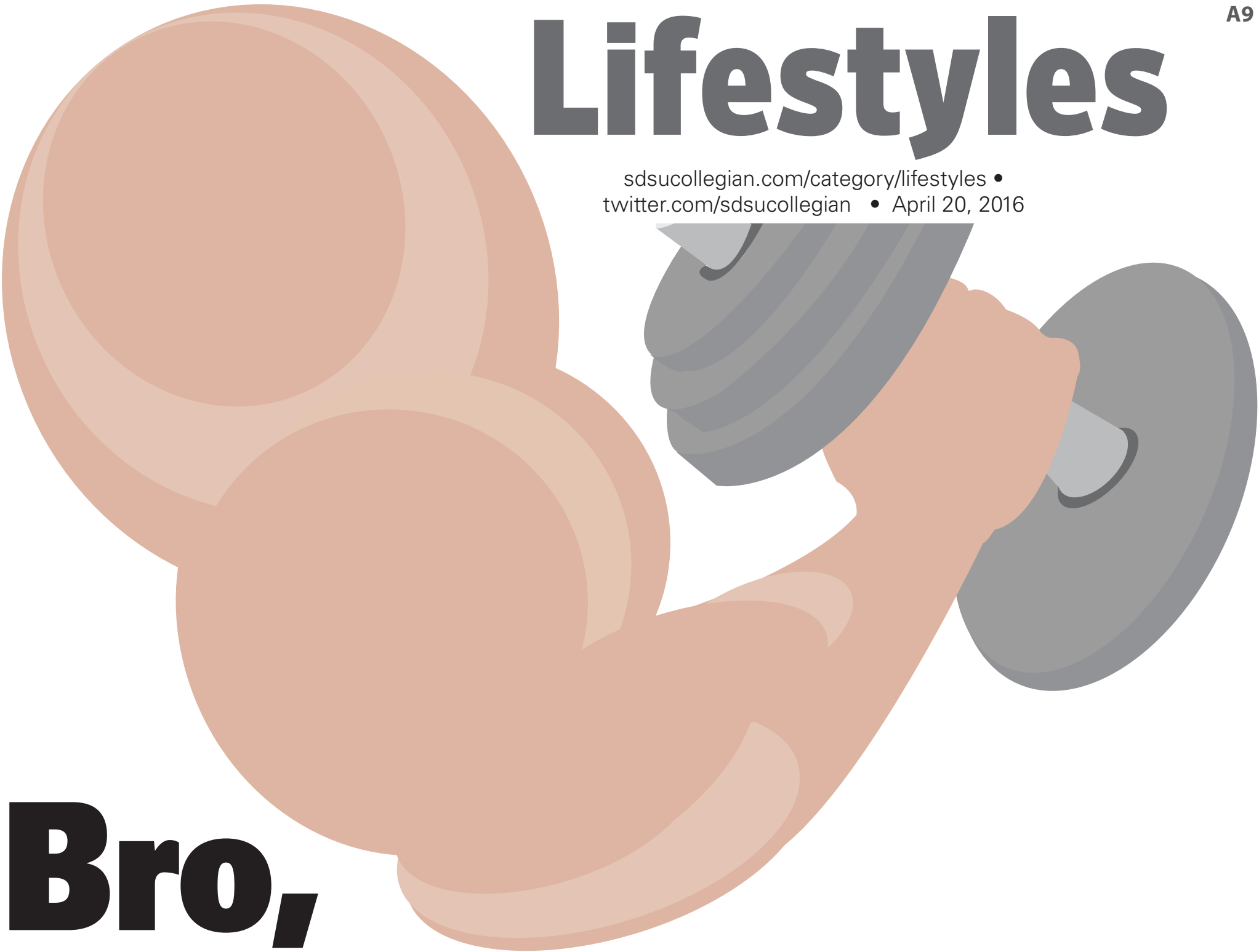
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Bro, do you even stretch?

A student’s guide to a healthy, safe workout

MAKENZIE HUBER
News Editor

Exercise isn’t always healthy. Exercising too much or too often can strain muscles and cause injuries, and exercising with the wrong form can also put people at a greater risk for injury. Even at South Dakota State, exercise can become unhealthy for students.

CJ Gray, an exercise science major who used to work at the Wellness Center, said he would see about three injuries come through the Wellness Center each week.

“I saw injuries more frequently than I’d like to see,” he said.

Stretching is usually a way to prevent common injuries made during a general work out, according to Kerry Brown, the Wellness Center community fitness coordinator.

Common injuries from working out incorrectly include injuries to joints and ligaments, according to the American Council on Exercise Information. One common injury is knee pain if people use the wrong form with squats where their feet aren’t set right or are going too far down, said Sam Alfred, a biology and pre-chiropractic double major.

Common injuries from overtraining include straining muscles because people aren’t allowing muscles enough time to heal. Overuse of certain parts of the body also result in injuries such as tendinitis, inflammation of tendons in shoulder, elbows, knees and ankles, bursitis; ligament strains and cartilage damage, according to the American Council of Exercise Information.

Alfred hurt his back before he came to

college, fracturing and herniating a disk from powerlifting. Alfred said the injury was due more to overuse than anything because he reached a tipping point from the wear and tear on his back.

One group of students who commonly work out are student athletes, who spend about six days a week training, according to Eric Adolph, assistant strengthening and conditioning coach in charge of men’s and women’s basketball and baseball. Under the guidance of coaches such as Adolph, student athletes take on strenuous workouts but work in a way to prevent injuries.

Coaches focus on ensuring athletes follow the proper technique and follow a periodized program where the students’ bodies are adjusted to what they’re trying to accomplish and to build off that progress.

When athletes do have injuries, Adolph said coaches use different methods to make sure the students aren’t putting any more exposure on the injuries than necessary. One of the most common injuries for basketball players is a stress fracture from running up and down the court.

For general students, Adolph said gradually building on what each person is able to handle is the best way to avoid injuries.

Brown said this is a common problem in cases of overtraining. Students won’t see the results they’re hoping for and will push themselves too far.

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Collegian graphic by Bailey Hill

Miller demonstrates artistic ability

BAYLEE DITTMAN
Reporter

Color popped out as giant felt patterns hung down from the ceiling, spanning the walls and floors in an explosion of pink, red, orange and white.

This wasn’t the same South Dakota Art Museum as it usually stood, with its cool, calm, white walls. Instead, loud and bright teal walls caught each person’s attention as they walked into Liz Miller’s exhibit, “Miasmatic Filigree”.

Liz Miller may not be formally trained in sculpture, but that hasn’t stopped her from creating intricate sculptures that fills rooms. Miller graduated from Rhode Island School of Design in 1999 with a bachelor’s in painting and now has an master’s in drawing and painting from the University of Minnesota. She is fascinated with the idea of weapons, invasive species and patterns and often incorporates them into her work.

The reception for Miller was held earlier this month. Many students who attended took selfies amidst the patterns, most of which were silhouettes of guns. Miller’s sculpture will remain in the South Dakota Art Museum until Nov. 20.

“I’d never think to use felt for anything outside of a day care,” Molly Beire, sophomore interior design major, said. The use of felt allowed the piece to be durable, yet still feel delicate as if paper was used.

“I feel like there’s a weird disconnect between what she gets inspiration from and the material that’s used for it,” said Sarah Schmidt, sophomore interior design major. She went on to explain that the ideas of using felt as a material to silhouette the guns, had a compelling impact; especially because of the negative connotation of guns today.

“I always thought it was interesting that the things that do harm don’t necessarily look harmful or look more than anything else,” Miller said. “How do you

know, you know?”

In her presentation, Miller explained that ornaments, decorations, organization and fashion were a few of the elements that inspired her art, both with sculpture and paint. She also explained that each piece is greatly impacted based on the location of the piece.

“We were very excited to have her come here and install a site-specific installation for us. She was here last spring as a visiting artist, but were glad to have her back and she made a beautiful installation for us,” Jodi Lundgren, museum exhibition curator, said.

Miller discussed her appreciation for the space she used in the museum, partly because the museum was willing to let her change the wall color to the bright teal used. She felt the color not only changed the temperature of the space, but allowed it to feel more immersing as well.

Due to the interactive feel of the piece, the exhibit had great responses overall, especially on social media.

Miller felt that because of the height of the room, she was able to create a elusive space, where visitors would be able to walk not only around, but through the piece. She went on to share her excitement about the social media response, especially on Instagram, where people have been posting photos inside the piece.

“It’s a very interactive environment, which is fun, that you can walk through the art instead of just looking at it on a wall,” Schmidt said.

South Dakota State University students aren’t the only people taking notice of the artist, however. Many of the people in attendance were community members.

“I’m just blown away,” said Andrew L’Amour, a Brookings resident. “There are just so many elements: color, shape, patterns, concept. And it just covers the whole room. It’s just great.”

Adulting 101: How to fight finals week

ALLISON CHRISTENSON
Lifestyles Reporter

“Adulting” is tough, and with finals week just around the corner, it gets even tougher. Thankfully, the Counseling Center has a free solution to fight the finals week fiasco.

Test Anxiety is one of four-hour long sessions that were created as a part of the Adulting 101 series. The four sessions are: Leadership and Communication, Building Relationships, Fighting Negative Thinking and Test Anxiety. Each session is composed of group activities led by SDSU counselors like Jessica McLaughlin.

“Our first approach was to identify a few topics that we see, primarily, coming through our doors and use those as ideas for groups,” McLaughlin said.

But these group workshops are not like the stereotypical therapy sessions seen on TV.

McLaughlin said they are nowhere near as intense as people assume.

“I don’t think students realize that we aren’t going to make them so uncomfortable,” she said. “Some of it is actually kind of fun.”

Darci Nichols, the assistant director for Wellness Center Counseling, said the relaxed, low-key atmosphere of these sessions is very important, which is why they had the interns be a part of it.

“Part of the reason why [interns] are involved is because they’re young and close to the students age,” Nichols said. “So it wouldn’t turn into us lecturing them on how to study.”

One of the counseling center in-

terns involved in this series is Carrie Schwing, who is also a graduate assistant. She said that a lot of students, including her former undergrad self, have anxiety when it comes to exams, especially finals.

“Some students get distracted during exams or kind of blank,” Schwing said.

She said they could’ve studied for hours, but when they start the exam, they suddenly can’t remember anything. The Test Anxiety session helps students “develop skills to use throughout finals.”

The specific skills that the counseling center will probably be focusing on would be identifying early triggers of stress, time management, becoming more proactive, identifying unhealthy habits that have developed while in college, becoming more aware of the physical signs of stress and so much more, McLaughlin said.

“There’s a long list of things we could do for Test Anxiety,” McLaughlin said. “But we let the students guide the session based on what they feel like they need.”

That is why these sessions are so different from other workshops, Nichols said. They are tailored to the needs of the students who attend. So far, the attendance has been low. But the center wants students to know about the information they can receive by attending these sessions.

“What I would love for students to realize is that they are getting quality information, care and work, and all they have to do is show up,” McLaughlin said. “I would encourage people to at least give it a try.”

>> **EXERCISE**
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“In the fitness realm of things, a lot of people want to strive to look better and better and better, but what we should be looking at instead of what the mirror tells us is how we feel,” Brown said.

Alfred, who regularly exercises, doesn’t see students balancing their workouts enough to keep healthy as they exercise.

“There’s more to working out than people realize,” Alfred said. “They only think about superficial muscles that people see or get obvious results instead of thinking about overall healthy biomechanics and overall balance in their body.”

Gray, who works out about five times each week, said he makes sure to keep a holistic approach to his exercises. This keeps him from injuring overused muscles when he exercises, but also targets different parts of his body.

In the case of overtraining, muscles can be overused and strained. This results in injury, but also the possibility of being sick more often, feeling sore and feeling exhausted.

“It’s almost worse to over-exercise than not exercise at all,” Alfred said.

Brown said he’s observed stu-

dents at SDSU who could potentially be overtraining. Gray said he’s seen students who’ve started to overtrain and become addicted to exercise.

“When you’re going three or four times a day in the middle of the night, losing sleep and it starts affecting your grades; when you choose to work out instead of hanging out with friends and family, then it does become an issue,” Gray said.

Two types of exercise, cardiovascular and resistance, are where students should find a balance in their workout, according to Brown.

“There’s a balance and there is a line we don’t want to cross, but general resistance and general cardiovascular will help to be more ready for activities in our daily lives,” Brown said.

Ways to prevent injuries include balancing between cardiovascular and resistance exercises, stretching regularly and knowing when students should stop pushing their bodies’ limits.

“Pay attention to what your body can handle every time you work out,” Gray said. “Everybody does strive to get better, but you can definitely go overboard if you just go 180 percent instead of just going 100 percent every time you’re in the gym.”

The truth about tampons

ALLISON CHRISTENSON
Lifestyles Reporter

Jennifer Ritter, a 20-year-old from New Hampshire, was rushed to the ER after days of excruciating pain. During her week’s stay, she went into septic shock, received more than 18 bags of saline, gained 20 pounds in fluid weight and experienced multiple organ failures.

Her pain was diagnosed as Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) caused by leaving her tampon in for four hours. Though rare, TSS is not the only danger associated with tampons.

The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics, a coalition advocating for safe products, explained the dangers of dioxins, chemicals present in tampons from cotton and wood pulp bleaching. With the estimated 17 thousand tampons women use in their lifetime, that is exposure to these toxic chemicals thousands upon thousands of times.

New York Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney has been working diligently for 13 years to pass the Robin Danielson Act. This bill would fund research on TSS, tampon use and chemical exposure through these products.

The bill has been shut down nine times so far, proving Congress’ lack of concern for this issue.

Even the Food and Drug Administration is turning a blind eye.

According to their website, the FDA implements very little regulations on feminine hygiene products because they are “medical

devices,” meaning that the ingredients aren’t required to be listed on the product or disclosed by the company.

FDA “regulations” are protecting companies like Procter & Gamble who have refused to disclose information about the chemicals in their products.

“It’s a balancing act - sharing enough information to be helpful, but not too much that it’s confusing,” said Damon Jones, a P&G representative, after being confronted about the issue.

I’m calling on all Brookings residents, men and women, to take a stand.






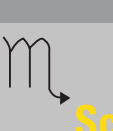






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Men, you may be uncomfortable with the topic of periods, but by stepping out of your comfort zone, sharing this information with others, and voicing your support for the Robin Danielson Act, you could protect the health of women you care about.

After Jennifer Ritter’s painful TSS experience, she only wishes for a safer world in feminine hygiene.

“I hope this story touches enough women to take their tampon habits more seriously,” Ritter said. “I am proud to share my story and spread the word.”

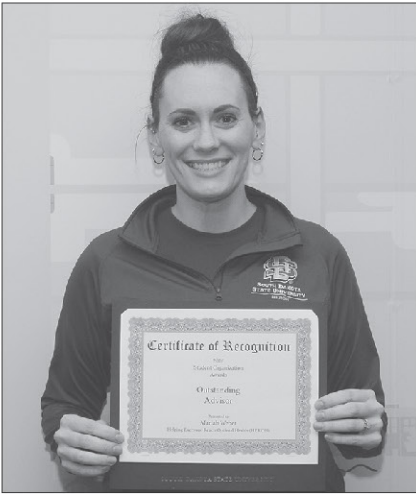
Jack's Weekly Horoscopes

 Leo Minimizing your desires with a fellow jackrabbit won't work; you need to express them even if it upsets the masses. A small shift in your perspective may be the answer you're searching for.	 Virgo Your jackrabbit intuition could raise concerns over unimportant details that won't matter in the long run. Focus on what you can change today, and put tomorrow's worries away.
 Pisces Your jackrabbit lover might want you to succeed because they're looking for personal gain. Speak to them about your feelings, but trust your rabbit instincts.	 Libra Someone's actions may seem too abrupt today, stirring up old feelings of abandonment. Be the bigger rabbit. Take the high trail and see who follows.
 Aries Although jackrabbits make everything look easy, you're likely having a tough time expressing your needs today. However, your positive attitude will help you work through it. Keep it up!	 Scorpio You'll want to bond with your partner, but remember not to suffocate them. Speak to the great Jack about your emotional attachments. Your partner will appreciate some space this week.
 Taurus Communication is key in any jackrabbit's life. Do not let your emotions get the best of your relationships. Except if it's a coyote; always let your anger out on coyotes.	 Sagittarius It's tough to separate personal needs from a situation of objectivity. Do not hop into situations without thinking through the consequences. Your deep thinking will be appreciated in the end.
 Gemini Denial strengthens emotions instead of dissipating them. If a certain jackrabbit is showing interest this week, do not deny it. Let the relationship develop down the rabbit trail of love.	 Capricorn There's no apparent straight trail to your goals today. Adapting to your surroundings is one of the many traits jackrabbits possess. Use them to your advantage today.
 Cancer The moment for expression is now; happiness can be yours if you simply acknowledge what's in your heart. Speak to the great Jack about what is best for your happiness.	 Aquarius Keep your ears up for more advice this week. Your fellow jackrabbits have supportive words to offer connected to your love life. Listen to them. They have your best interest in mind.

2016 Student Organization and Board of Regents Awards



Outstanding Advisor: Winner, Mary Moeller, Student National Education Assn.



Outstanding Advisor: Honorable Mention, Mariah Weber, HEROH



Outstanding Program Honorable Mention • Q&A Session with Warren E. Buffett



Outstanding Organization: Winner, Chi Omega Women's Fraternity



Outstanding Organization: Honorable Mention • Helping Everyone Reach Optimal Health (HEROH) and **Outstanding Service:** Honorable Mention, Peer Health Educators, Helping Everyone Reach Optimal Health (HEROH)



Outstanding Program: Winner, 8th Annual Workshop on Academic and Professional Development, American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPPS)



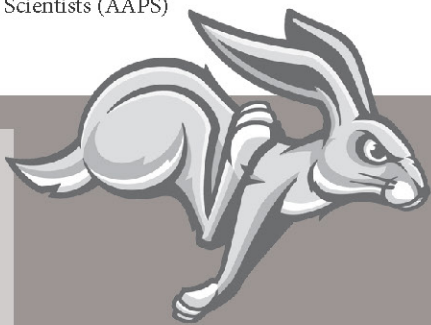
Outstanding Member: Winner, Dalen Zuidema, FarmHouse Fraternity and **Outstanding Service:** Winner, Totally Baldacious, FarmHouse Fraternity



Outstanding Member: Honorable Mention, Sara Bertsch, The Collegian

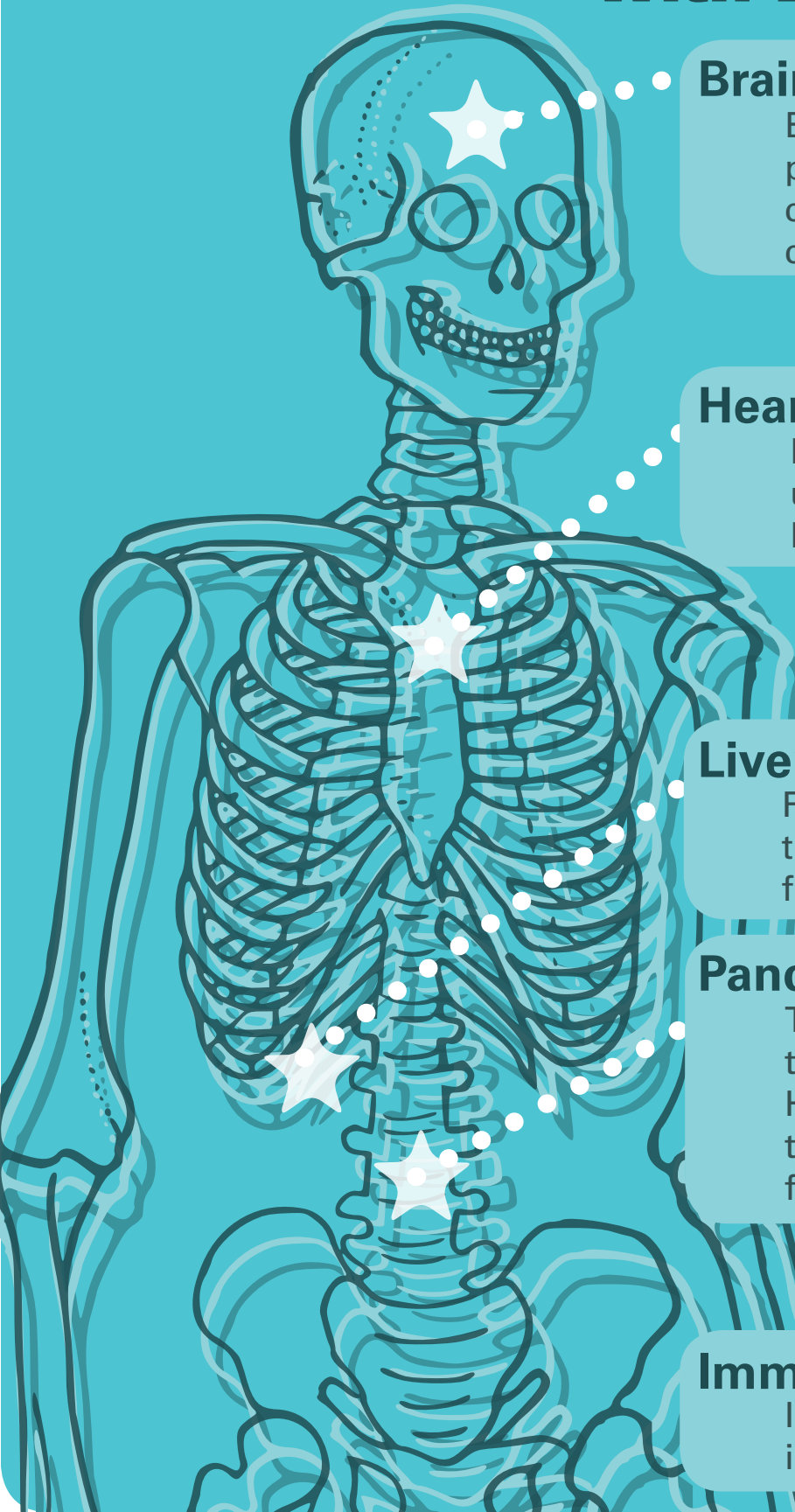
Board of Regents Awards

- Community Service: Farmhouse Fraternity
- Academic Excellence: American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists
- Organizational Leadership: Student National Education Association



Developmental Effects

with Long-Term Use



- Brain:**
Brain communication is impaired. These disruptions can change mood, behavior and coordination.
- Heart Problems:**
Heart muscle disease, irregular heart beat, stroke and high blood pressure.
- Liver:**
Fatty liver, inflammation in the liver, alcoholic hepatitis, fibrosis.
- Pancreas:**
Toxic substance buildup leads to pancreatitis (deadly). Heavy drinking impairs ability to create chemicals needed for digestion.
- Immune System:**
Immunological status of an individual is compromised.

- Moderate Drinking:**
Man: 2 drinks/day
Woman: 1 drink/day
- Defects in infants if mother drinks alcohol during pregnancy:**
FASD: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (Milder form)
FAS: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (Severe form)
- Age: 12-14:**
Alcohol use typically begins in early adolescents.
- Age: 12-21**
Alcohol use increases before leveling off in the twenties.
- Age 25:**
Average full brain maturation.
- “Why do they drink?”**
 1. Personality & behavior
 2. Family dynamics
 3. Friends & culture
 4. Gene & environment
 5. Adolescent brain development & gaps in maturity
 6. Sensitivity to alcohol
- One standard drink = .6**
fluid ounces or 14 grams of pure alcohol

Information provided by Shafiqur Rahman, professor in the college of Pharmacy.

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GSAP signed by governor, helps save student lives

MAKENZIE HUBER
News Editor

The fear of arrest should no longer stop an intoxicated person from calling 911 to help a friend in need now that the Good Samaritan Alcohol Policy Bill is law.

Governor Dennis Daugaard signed House Bill 1078, the GSAP, into law Tuesday, March 15 and it will take effect July 1.

GSAP will grant limited immunity to underage drinkers who help another person in need seek medical attention. This limited immunity will protect the caller from arrest if he or she stays with the injured person or person at risk of needing medical assistance and complies with law enforcement.

The GSAP bill was strongly lobbied for and brought to the Legislature by the South Dakota State Medical Association. The bill also grants limited immunity to people who seek medical attention themselves.

Dean Krogman, the chief lobbyist for the organization, supported the bill because it protects people in dangerous situations.

“It might be lifesaving and they might need help, and that’s the essence of what the term Good Samaritan means,” Krogman said.

Students might be too scared of consequences if they call 911 for help, and that’s where the

dangerous situation is, said Doug Wermedal, interim vice president of student affairs.

“This law is trying to eliminate those types of things, and I think that’s worth reaching for,” Wermedal said.

Students could risk getting a minor for drinking underage, and although law enforcement officers typically use their own discretion with situations like this, students may not feel comfortable calling and sticking around to help out another person in need.

Rebecca Peick, freshman hospitality management major, said she would still call law enforcement if she was in a situation like this, but thinks such a law would be beneficial for students at SDSU.

“I think it would definitely be a good thing because it would allow people to not worry about helping a friend if they were seriously in trouble,” Peick said. “I know alcohol poisoning is a big thing, and it would allow people the ability to help so more people don’t die.”

Thirty-two states and the District of Columbia have implemented similar laws granting limited immunity to intoxicated minors. Kansas was the most recent to pass a medical amnesty law in February 2016.

Researchers estimate 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related injuries each

year, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Caleb Finck, former president of the Students’ Association, lobbied in Pierre in support of HB 1078 because he believes such a law would help prevent dangerous situations.

“It’s a safety issue is really what it is. We’re trying to save lives,” Finck said. “We’re not trying to get people out of trouble. Just because they made one poor decision doesn’t mean they need to make another poor decision to help somebody.”

Gordon Dekkenga, the Brookings Hospital ambulance director, said the primary concern of the hospital is for the patient. He said people should call if another person is in trouble, and a law helping others feel more comfortable to make that call would be beneficial.

Arguments made against the bill include taking away an officer’s authority and discretion in situations and that the bill may be abused by people.

Don Challis, assistant vice president of safety and security, rarely supports things that take away autonomy from law enforcement but said he hopes such a law would lead to more people getting the help they need.

Because the law would only grant limited immunity, officers can still use their discretion, Wermedal said.

Finck said he couldn’t see a situation in which the law would be abused because of the consequences already associated with a medical emergency, such as hospital bills and the risk of harm to the people.

“Any time someone ends up in the emergency room ... those are going to be life changing experiences and you are going to learn from those mistakes—that’s the bottom line,” Finck said. “I can’t imagine that they wouldn’t learn from those mistakes.”

SDBOR develops alcohol sale, consumption policy

MAKENZIE HUBER
News Editor

The sale and consumption of alcohol on South Dakota campuses was approved for special events by the Legislature last month.

Governor Dennis Daugaard signed Senate Bill 102 March 10, which will allow alcohol to be sold for fundraising and sporting events. The law will take effect July 1.

Areas of interest for the sale and consumption of alcohol on the South Dakota State University campus include donor and fundraising events for the school, sporting events and possibly at McCrory Gardens for wedding receptions.

One event where SDSU officials are wanting to sell alcohol is at the Luke Bryan concert for the Jacks Bash Kickoff Celebration at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium Sept. 8.

Jeff Holm, senior associate athletic director for facilities and operations, said they will try to get a one-day license for

the concert but aren’t looking to sell alcohol in the stadium for the remainder of the year.

An approval from the president would be needed before any plans are put into place to sell any alcohol through a private vendor at the concert.

“The big thing is even though the legislation is passed, we have to work through university policy and work through special events and see how it evolves,” Holm said.

According to Doug Wermedal, interim vice president of student affairs, the South Dakota Board of Regents still has to determine a policy for the sale of alcohol on South Dakota campuses. The city of Brookings will also have to issue a license to SDSU to sell alcohol.

Wermedal expects the SDBOR policy on the sale and consumption of alcohol on campuses will be decided by June or July 2016.

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Nichols said one of the things leading to so many students taking the class or engaging in activities that violate alcohol policies is the perception that “everyone parties and binge drinks.” But according to the American College Health Assessment, 22 percent of respondents reported never drinking alcohol, which doesn’t support students’ ideas of alcohol use on campus.

Participation in the class help educate students on how alcohol affects different parts of the body and help to reduce the practice of high-risk drinking. Nichols also

points to other efforts on campus for helping to reduce such risky behaviors.

Nichols cited the Safe Ride program for reducing the number of DUI arrests on campus and the Choices and Prevention Committee for taking further steps in alcohol prevention and safety on campus. Nichols also cited different organizations on campus to help curb high-risk drinking behaviors.

“I think students have and may continue to have an expectation that drinking alcohol increases their social capital,” Nichols said. “As students become more engaged in campus activities and events they begin to realize that you don’t need to drink to have a good time.”

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It might be lifesaving and they might need help, and that’s the essence of what the term Good Samaritan means.

Dean Krogman
South Dakota State Medical Association Chief Lobbyist

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“There is a difference between social drinking and drinking to get plastered,” Funck said. “Especially when large groups get together, it is more likely for drinking to get worse.”

Funck suggested making SDSU a wet campus. If alcohol is readily available, it could be an option to deter drinking, she said. She doesn’t believe alcohol is a problem specifically to SDSU but on campuses across the country.

According to Doug Wer-medal, the interim vice president of student affairs, when students drink in college it is not usually their first time engaging with alcohol.

They see the real-world impact of high-risk behaviors and making smart choices, Wer-medal said.

“A lot of those really destructive behaviors spring from moments or patterns of substance abuse and so the University, the state and the nation have made heavy investments in educating students on that,” he said.

One program on campus that educates students on substance abuse is Conflict and

Prevention, also called CAP. Virginia James, the coordinator for CAP, said it is a committee of professionals that look at different alcohol education initiatives and programming options on campus.

James also agreed with Johnson and Challis that students are feeling independent when they first come to college.

In the last year and a half, CAP has been working on social norms campaigns. This helps students understand where their peers stand in regards to drinking patterns, James said. They engage in conversations with students and help them with their own awareness.

“Just them [students] asking the question or getting curious and saying that’s the truth behind it,” James said. “That’s indicative to me. In their curiosity and their desire to know more information, that’s a perk.”

HEROH, or Helping Everyone Reach Optimal Health, has a committee that directly focuses on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Dana Kurtz is a co-chair for this committee.

Kurtz said their main focus is talking about safe drinking, instead of telling students not to drink because it is not an ef-

fective strategy, especially on a college campuses.

“We just want to promote the fact you want to be safe when you drink, don’t walk home alone, don’t drive...look out for everyone around you, even if you don’t know them,” Kurtz said. “Just because you don’t know them, doesn’t mean you can’t reach out your hand.”

Challis wants students to question the importance of alcohol in their lives. They need to look at the impact it could have, especially if they have lost friends or family to alcohol-related incidents.

“We just need to be aware and more responsible of taking care of each other,” Challis said.

Since Maples is a residence hall director he has seen how alcohol can have effects on students, specifically those who still live on campus. However, he believes that the number of people who do drink is smaller than most people think.

He said this behavior is irresponsible, but unfortunately these actions have put a reputation on SDSU.

“SDSU is better than what people brand us,” Maples said. “We need to remember to show them that we are jackrabbits who make positive choices.”

Need a ride?

Even if you’ve had only one drink, you should always make a plan for a ride home.

Safe Ride Home is a program that offers SDSU students, Brookings community members and visitors alternative transportation. Safe Ride Home operates 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night during the academic year. If you or a friend are in immediate danger, call the police.

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Otzelberger busy in first day as a Jackrabbit

NATE GIESE
Assistant Sports Editor

Standing in front of his new players, a handful of dedicated fans, administrators and other coaches, T.J. Otzelberger officially took over. After a decade of serving as an assistant coach, the 38-year-old Milwaukee native began his tenure as the head coach of the South Dakota State men's basketball team on last Thursday.

On the stage, Otzelberger sat there, rarely changing facial expressions while listening to Director of Athletics Justin Sell thank people who helped with Otzelberger's hiring.

When it was his turn to speak to the crowd, Otzelberger appeared stiff, as if he was unsure of how his speech was going to go over. But everything settled down and after a number of lengthy interviews with select media members, he started to settle into his new home and his new role, appearing more confident as time passed.

On his first official day as the new boss, Otzelberger



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New SDSU head coach TJ Otzelberger spoke at his introductory press conference. It was announced that he would keep popular assistant Rob Klinkefus on staff.

planned to get to know his players, figuring out a way to continue the success former head coach Scott Nagy left behind.

“It’s about spending time with the student athletes and learning what their goals are, what their expectations are, where they think we can go,” Otzelberger said. “I think we can be great. I think we can build on the successes that are here. It’s about what they want to accomplish and what they want to do.”

Returning SDSU players were given the opportunity to meet with two prospective candidates during the search. One of them was Vince Taylor, who was an assistant coach at Texas Tech University at the beginning of the week. The other was Otzelberger.

Throughout the entire process, the players were kept in the loop by Sell, sharing their opinions on the process and being honest about who they would like to see as the next head coach, which was something Sell praised them for during the introductory press conference.

It didn’t take Otzelberger long to win over the players. Sophomore forward Ian Theisen said the first impression their new coach made was “a great one” when the team met with him on the Sunday before the announcement.

“There’s not one person on that team that had anything bad to say about him,” Theisen said. “We all loved him right away. He’s an intense guy, you can kind of tell that in his voice, so we appreciated that as he was going to get after us no matter what. We got the impression that he’s not going to take a day off.”

Known as one of the top recruiting assistants in college basketball, Otzelberger spoke to Theisen and the other players about what he hopes to do with the team offensively.

Given what they have returning – the majority standing 6-foot-5 or taller, all with three-point shooting ability – Theisen said their new coach looked to bring a similar style that was used at Iowa State while also building around their size and agility.

“They have a real fast-paced offense, they get up and down the floor real well,” Keaton Moffitt said of Iowa State’s offensive style. “They have a ‘get after it’ mentality that I don’t think we always played with before, but I think that could be good for us.”

Moffitt’s situation is even more unique than the rest of his Jackrabbit teammates’. Though he technically finished off his career this past season, due to past injuries while with the University of Sioux Falls, paperwork has been filed as SDSU hopes to gain another year of eligibility for the 6-foot-5 do-everything guard.

With the change in head coach,

the Jackrabbits will have some sense of familiarity with the new regime. Rob Klinkefus, the last remaining assistant from Nagy’s staff, is being retained and will serve as an assistant under Otzelberger.

“Right now the most important thing was to get [Klinkefus] on board,” Otzelberger said. “There’s some people we definitely want to start reaching out to, but at this point it’s Coach Klinkefus and I and now we’re going to start moving forward from there and see how we can put the best group together.”

During his 10 years as an assistant, Otzelberger has spent time with some of the best college basketball programs in the country. Coming to SDSU from Iowa State, Otzelberger has worked under the likes of Fred Hoiberg (Iowa State), Lorenzo Romar (University of Washington) and Greg McDermott (Iowa State).

McDermott, who is currently the head coach at Creighton, made the three-plus hour drive from Omaha to be there for his former assistant’s introduction.

Between radio and television interviews, Otzelberger was able to take a few minutes for himself, meeting McDermott for a joyful embrace to celebrate the hire. It was the first time since the beginning of the press conference Otzelberger deviated from his calm, collected demeanor, showing a wide smile as he and McDermott hugged each other.

SDSU’s new leading man has already completed some film study on his team, watching three different games at the beginning, middle and end of the season to gauge improvements and regressions throughout the year.

Something that stood out to Otzelberger, as it did with just about anybody that watched the Jackrabbits from January on, was that Mike Daum was really good.

“One thing I saw with Daum is how much better he got from start to finish,” Otzelberger said. “Credit to the coaching staff and their work in developing him. Credit to him for his work ethic and what he did to get to that point and...he’s phenomenal.”

Daum has received high praise since his breakout campaign that saw him earn both Summit League Freshman and Sixth Man of the Year honors. Otzelberger had some more to add to it, comparing his lengthy 6-foot-9 forward’s abilities to the likes of Kevin Durant and Dirk Nowitzki due to his versatility and being a threat both in the paint and on the perimeter.

“He doesn’t have a weakness,” Otzelberger said.

While dad was talking up his team, Otzelberger’s 18-month old twins Jayce and Olivia took the opportunity to wander around the Frost Arena floor, getting a feel for a place they’ll spend many winter nights watching dad’s teams play.

Jayce even decided to join the media fun, getting some screen time of his own while joining T.J. for a television interview.

After all the interviews, talking with the players, meeting some of the fans and getting better acquainted with his new home, Otzelberger looked forward to spending time with his kids and his wife Victoria, reflecting on how he got to SDSU.

“It’s been an unbelievable ride that’s led us to this point,” Otzelberger said. “I almost want to pinch myself to make sure this is really happening.”

SDSU wins food fight for fourth straight year

HANNAH NIEMANN
Reporter

South Dakota State University claimed its fourth consecutive and fifth overall Summit League Food Fight title this year.

SDSU won this year’s contest after collecting 39,047.20 pounds of food, increasing its total from last year by more than 4,300 pounds. This total is the all-time record collected by a single school during the food drive, said Jennie Sell, assistant athletic director for academics and SDSU SAAC leader.

The non-perishable food drive is organized by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and takes place each year, giving all nine Summit League schools the opportunity to compete to see who can raise the most food in terms of pounds to support their local food pantries. Schools collect canned goods as well as cash, with \$5 donations equaling 13 pounds of food.

“The Food Fight is one of the most important things that SAAC does,” Logan Doyle, a SAAC representative for the SDSU men’s basketball team, said. “This community has given us so much as student athletes, so we feel that it is important to give back to them.”

SDSU has done well in the competition since it began in 2009, winning in 2010, 2013, 2014 and 2015 as well as taking home the Food Fight trophy again for 2016.

The Jackrabbits set the previous record last year after collecting 34,681 pounds. This total was more than all other Summit League schools combined.

The University of South Dakota came in second in this year’s contest with 14,354.5 pounds, and the University of Denver finished third with 12,713 pounds, according to the Summit League website. Overall, the Summit League combined to raise over 116,700 pounds of food, about 32,000 pounds more than last year.

This year, SDSU collected food during a two-week time span at eight Jackrabbit home athletic events, including basketball, track, wrestling and equestrian. SDSU also partnered with various Brookings companies, such as Cubby’s, Buffalo Wild Wings, Hy-Vee, the Brookings Police Department, SDSU University Police Department and a few churches to further promote the Food Fight and give community members another opportunity to donate.

All food collected by SDSU supports the Brookings County Emergency Food Pantry. The food is distributed to Brookings community members who cannot afford food for reasons such as a recent job loss or having a fixed income.

Amy Lacek, manager of the Food Pantry says, that all donations, especially the ones from the Food Fight, are essential in helping to support community members in need.

“We rely 100 percent on donations and need them to stay open,” Lacek said. “Food can go quickly, and we help over 500 families a year, so donations are important. But we are very fortunate because Brookings is a giving

community. Brookings supports.”

Sell agreed with Lacek and said the Brookings community plays a big role in SDSU’s success in the Food Fight.

“The X-factor in this competition is the generosity of the community,” Sell said. “The Brookings community is strong in community service anyway, but fans are familiar with the Food Fight and give at every game.”

Though Sell is pleased with the win, she said that no matter what the outcome would have been, she’s glad to be a part of a good cause.

“The whole thing is a win-win situation,” Sell said. “It’s fun to compete, but in the end, each school is helping their community and that’s what matters.”



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Jackrabbit athletes pose at Frost Arena while they help get donations for the Summit League Food Fight. SDSU won the competition for the fourth straight year and fifth time overall.

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Baseball

SDSU picked up a series sweep over rival North Dakota State University over the weekend, using their power at the plate, solid pitching and outscoring the Bison 30-12 over the course of the three games.

In the first game, the Jacks had four home runs, including two from Paul Jacobson, taking Friday's contest 11-3. Jacobson totaled five runs batted in. Pitcher Andrew Clemen went eight innings and struck out seven batters to improve his record to 3-5 on the season.

After being down 5-0 in the second inning of the second game of the series, SDSU outscored NDSU 14-2. The Jacks also had a season-high in runs scored in the 14-7 win and led the entire way in the 5-2 victory to close out the series.

With the three-game winning, SDSU improved its record to 13-22 on the season and 9-6 in conference play. The Jacks currently sit second in the Summit League standings, trailing league-leading Oral Roberts by three games.

NEXT UP: April 22-24 @ Omaha

Men's Tennis

Mateus Moreira broke the SDSU school record for career victories over the weekend, picking up his 55th career win in the Jacks' 8-1 win over Augustana University on Friday.

Moreira's record-breaking victory came in 6-0, 6-0 fashion against Augustana's Reed Ritterbusch and improved his season record to 16-13 overall and 12-9 in duals.

SDSU swept the dual matches against the Vikings as Moreira and Emerson Styles (9-8), Jonny Higham and Marco Paulo Castro (8-2) and Henrique Pereira and Chuck Tang (8-1) all earned victories.

Lovro Curcija, Pereira and Tang all earned singles victories.

Tennis returns to the court with two contests in Omaha this weekend, facing both Creighton University and the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

NEXT UP: April 22 @ Omaha

Softball

The Jackrabbit softball team suffered a sweep at the hands of NDSU over the weekend, bringing their losing streak to six-straight games. SDSU managed five runs scored against the Bison as they lost the three games by 7-2, 8-2 and 10-1 margins.

These three losses to the rival Bison came after dropping two games to UMKC earlier in the week by 4-2 and 10-1 margins.

Lauren Chirnside, Ali Herdliska and Lyndsey Crist all hit home runs in the five games for the Jackrabbits. With her homer, Herdliska increased her team-lead in that category, now sitting with 12 home runs hit. Five more home runs would give Herdliska 17 on the season, which would be a new record in one season for SDSU.

The Jacks fall to 14-24 on the season and 2-4 in Summit League play.

NEXT UP: April 21 @ Jackrabbit Softball Stadium

Women's Tennis

After extending their winning streak to three with a 5-2 victory over IUPUI on Saturday, SDSU's women's tennis fell to the University of South Dakota 5-2 on Sunday.

Iasmin Rosa (6-1, 6-0) earned a victory in No.1 singles and Morgan Brower (6-4, 6-4) earned a victory at No. 6 singles against the Jaguars. Rosa and Ffion Davies won their 19th match of the year and improved to 15-6 in dual play with a 6-1 victory as well.

Davies and Rosa picked up another dual victory against the Coyotes, as did Florencia Magni and Beatriz Souza. Davies and Rosa earned a 6-1 victory while Magni and Souza picked up a 6-2 win. Souza also earned the lone singles victory for the Jacks, winning 6-4 and 7-6.

SDSU currently sits with a 13-9 record while being 2-2 in conference play.

NEXT UP: April 23 @ Omaha

Dynamic Duo of Johnson and Jacobson help SDSU lock down second place in Summit League



Athlete of the Week

Matt Johnson & Paul Jacobson

AUSTIN HAMM
Sports Editor

For their long range attacks against North Dakota State University over the weekend, SDSU baseball players Matt Johnson and Paul Jacobson have earned the honor of being this week's Athlete of the Week.

As the team earned a three-game sweep over the Bison, Jacobson and Johnson provided the biggest bats in the lineup, hitting three home runs combined in their 11-4 series opening win. With those two home runs, Jacobson drove in five runs while Johnson hit a bomb of his own while driving in three runs.

In the second game, the Jacks put up a season-high 14 runs while Jacobson went yard again, driving in two more runs for his third long ball of the series. Meanwhile, Johnson hit two home runs and drove in six runners.

Combined, Johnson and Jacobson provided 13 hits, six home runs and 16 RBIs. Those 16 runs scored off of J&J Hitting Co. were more than the Bison totaled all series (12).


Their efforts this past weekend have helped SDSU move into second place in the Summit League baseball standings with 17 conference games left to play.




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Greg Casper is shown throwing a pitch in SDSU's game against North Dakota State this past Sunday. SDSU came out on top winning 5-2.

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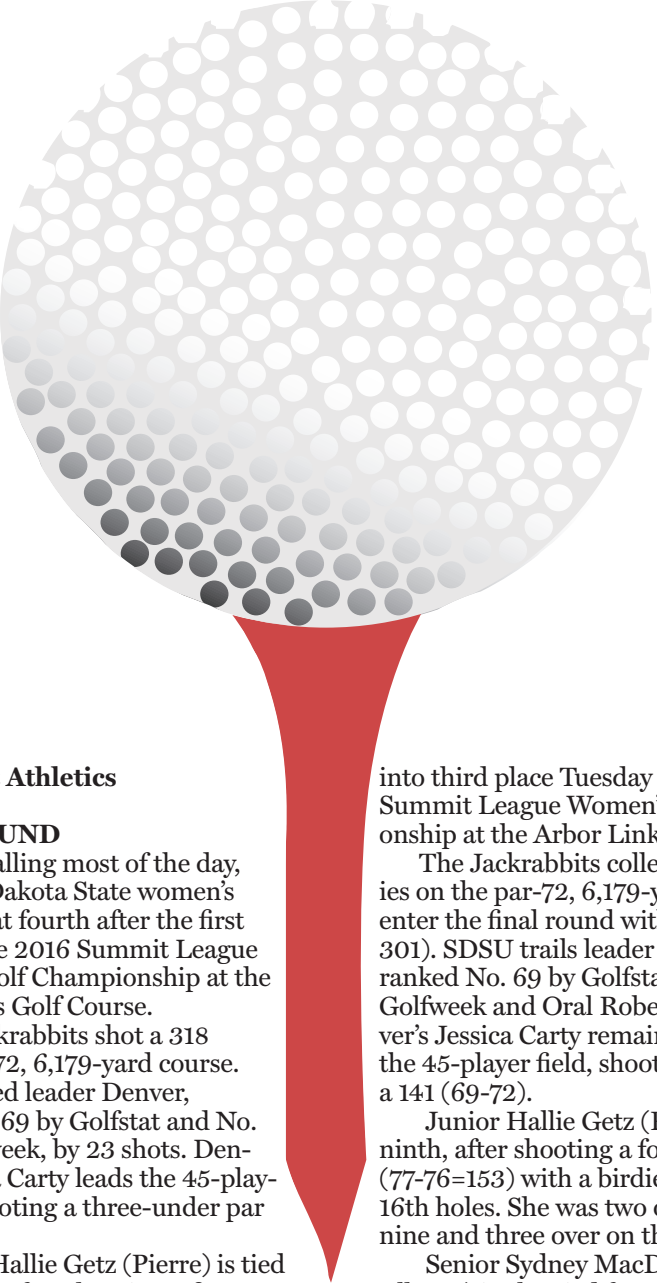
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Women’s golf in third headed into final round



Jackrabbit Athletics

FIRST ROUND
With rain falling most of the day, the South Dakota State women’s golf team sat fourth after the first round of the 2016 Summit League Women’s Golf Championship at the Arbor Links Golf Course.

The Jackrabbits shot a 318 on the par-72, 6,179-yard course. SDSU trailed leader Denver, ranked No. 69 by Golfstat and No. 75 by Golfweek, by 23 shots. Denver’s Jessica Carty leads the 45-player field, shooting a three-under par 69.

Junior Hallie Getz (Pierre) is tied for seventh, after shooting a five-over par 77 with a birdie on the 12th and 18th holes. She was two over on the front nine and three over on the back nine.

Senior Sydney MacDonald (Calgary, Alberta) was tied for 10th after shooting a six-over par 78. She was four over on the front and two over on the back nine while collecting a bird on the 12th hole.

Junior Megan Mingo (Yankton) was tied for 21st (80), senior Brianna Janu (Glenwood, Minn.) tied for 28th (83) and sophomore Natcha Srimaneerungroj (Bangkok, Thailand) was tied for 37th (86).

SECOND ROUND
NEBRASKA CITY, Neb.—After shooting a 301 in the second round, the South Dakota State women’s golf team jumped

into third place Tuesday at the 2016 Summit League Women’s Golf Championship at the Arbor Links Golf Course.

The Jackrabbits collected eight birdies on the par-72, 6,179-yard course and enter the final round with a 619 (318-301). SDSU trails leader Denver (578), ranked No. 69 by Golfstat and No. 75 by Golfweek and Oral Roberts (618). Denver’s Jessica Carty remains in the lead of the 45-player field, shooting a par 72 for a 141 (69-72).

Junior Hallie Getz (Pierre) is tied for ninth, after shooting a four-over par 76 (77-76=153) with a birdie on the 1st and 16th holes. She was two over on the front nine and three over on the back nine.

Senior Sydney MacDonald (Calgary, Alberta) is also tied for ninth after shooting a three-over par 75 (78-75=153). She was three over on the front nine and shot par on the back nine while collecting a bird on the 16th hole.

Junior Megan Mingo (Yankton) is tied for 22nd (80-77=157), sophomore Natcha Srimaneerungroj (Bangkok, Thailand) is tied for 27th after shooting a one-over par 73 (86-73=159) and senior Brianna Janu (Glenwood, Minnesota) is 29th (83-77=160).

The Jackrabbits return for the final round Wednesday. Live scoring is available at www.golfstatresults.com. Results following the conclusion of play each day are available on GoJacks.com. For additional information, visit The Summit League Golf Championship website.

Carson Wentz: A far from perfect quarterback prospect

AUSTIN HAMM
Sports Editor

After a couple months of hiatus, I’ve decided to bring back my weekly column for the final two weeks of the semester, likely to the chagrin of both my readers and my superiors. This week, I want to genuinely examine the conundrum of Carson Wentz and the mix of emotions he makes me, and I assume most Jackrabbit fans, feel.

The soon-to-be former North Dakota State quarterback is, by consensus, one of the top two quarterback prospects in the upcoming NFL draft, alongside Cal’s Jared Goff. Wentz has drawn praise for his prototypical size, arm strength and athleticism for the quarterback position, with apparent running capabilities as an added plus. He is also what some draftniks like to call “a proven winner,” having started for the Bison in the two most recent of their five straight national championships.

Though Wentz is a fairly well thought of prospect, he does have his critics and they bring some valid points to the discussion. The first thing brought up is usually the level of competition he faced in college playing in the FCS. SDSU supporters feel somewhat slighted at this, but the idea that he hasn’t played against many NFL caliber athletes on the defenses across from him is something that could make the ever popular “adjustment to the speed of the game” even more difficult once he’s in the league.

The other major

knock against Wentz is the fact that he only threw 612 passes in college and was only a two-year starter. Compare that to Goff, attempted 1,568 passes and was a three-year starter from the moment he set foot on campus.

Far from a sure thing, Wentz still has a chance to go high in the 2016 draft. Possibly even as high as number one overall after the quarterback-needy Los Angeles Rams completed a trade with the Tennessee Titans to move to the top of the draft order. And that is an interesting feeling for me.

From 2012 to 2014, SDSU got to watch Zach Zenner obliterate the FCS competition, racking up touchdowns and yards. When he finally finished his career, Jackrabbit nation waited with baited breath for his selection in the 2015 NFL draft. No one was fooling themselves, it was assumed Zenner would go in the fifth, sixth or seventh round. He eventually went undrafted before catching on with the Detroit Lions.

Zenner had the track record of production against the FCS and went undrafted. Wentz, while still fairly dominant in his year and a half as a starter (he missed the second half of the 2015 season with a broken wrist) did not have the near record breaking success levels against the same type of competition, yet he is legitimately in the conversation for number one overall.


In my opinion, the discrepancy stems from stereotypes and the long held beliefs that the NFL is afraid to stray from for

fear of risking their reputations. Zenner was a white running back from a small school that didn’t appear to have the size to transition to fullback. Running back is a position where the step from a level lower than FBS to the NFL seems to be much tougher.


For quarterbacks, that transition has a few precedents, like Dallas Cowboys starter Tony Romo (Eastern Illinois) and Baltimore Ravens starter Joe Flacco (Delaware). Also currently in the league is second-year player Jimmy Garoppolo (Eastern Illinois), who is one of the more highly thought of backup quarterbacks in the NFL with the New England Patriots. A slightly older example exists in Kurt Warner, who was a finalist for the Hall of Fame this year. Warner graduated from Northern Iowa and played arena football before highly successful stints with the Rams and Arizona Cardinals.

It doesn’t feel completely fair, given the outstanding nature of Zenner’s collegiate career and the brevity of Wentz’s. But other quarterbacks have made the jump, so there is a chance that Wentz could do it. There’s a chance that he is the rare example of the elite talent that developed late and slipped through the recruiting cracks coming out of high school. Only time will tell.

On April 28, we might find out just how highly the NFL thinks of Wentz. And regardless of how he performs once he gets there, Jackrabbit fans can at least take comfort in knowing he won’t be under center for the Bison ever again.







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Athletic success translates to connecting with students

Former Nebraska volleyball standout uses experiences off the court

JALEN WILSON
Sports Reporter

Star college athletes are fairly easy to come by and about every major Division I program has one. Football, basketball, softball, volleyball, golf, there are athletic studs. These college stars are mostly judged based upon their on-field performance and how they deal with pressure situations as the leader of the team.

Most athletes, after their careers are over, leave all their past experiences behind them and move on to the next chapter in their lives. Stephanie Brown has carried over her knowledge of her collegiate sport into her job as career development program director at South Dakota State University.

“One thing I think of is having a coach, having that perspective,” Brown said of connecting her current job to her playing days. “Teaching students the importance of mentorship and having mentors influence your life.”

Brown is a former college volleyball standout at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she played volleyball in the early 1990s. She still ranks third all-time in career blocks and sixth all-time in hitting percentage. Brown also has her No. 11 jersey retired and if you speak to her about it, using the word humble would be an understatement.

“Very easy to coach, because she had such a wonderful attitude,” said Terry Pettit, Brown’s former coach at UNL and mentor, who retired in 1999. “She

wanted to get better, [and was] highly motivated. Technique wise, she might have been the best blocker I ever coached, which was attributed to her focus and discipline.”

After her senior season, which ended early because of an injury in her left ankle, Brown got a letter from the Olympic team asking her to try out. After full recovery, Brown went to California to try out for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and made the team within the first week.

While training, Brown got calls from professional teams in Europe, seeing if she would be willing to play with them for a season. Weighing her options, Brown decided to go pro because the Olympic team keeps only 12 players and Brown was in the top 15.

Brown completed two seasons as a professional, one in Turkey and the other in Puerto Rico, before deciding to “hang up the shoes,” as she puts it. Brown doesn’t currently play but has taken multiple things from her experience into her every day job as a career coach.

“Every day I’m coaching up students,” Brown said. “I listen to what is motivating to them. I find out what is interesting to them, I also help them assess what they are good at. Also, I think what great coaches do is they help someone identify that, they help them brainstorm where they can get experiences and strengthen them.”

Brown has worked at SDSU for eight years in a variety of positions. For her first three and a half years, she was a graduate student and helped in the counseling program before becoming an academic adviser in the College of Arts and Human Sciences. She moved to her current job this fall and has already made a major impact on students’ lives.

“She truly inspired me to set goals and to attain those goals and to push myself because she never knew she would play on the Olympic, she never knew her jersey was going to get retired at UNL, but she never gave up on her dreams. She’s definitely an idol of mine,” said Robert Mc-

Clean, a sophomore mentee of Brown’s.

Brown knows that success didn’t come easy, alluding to having been through some struggle to get to where she is today.

“What makes me very real, my realness of where I have been but where I have gone, I have failed and I have succeeded. I’m the first one to tell you that and what has helped me at SDSU is the role I have played,” Brown said.

Through trials and tribula-

tions, Brown has lived by a life motto that she picked up from volleyball.

“My philosophy on the court and in life is if I can take care of the person to my left and the person to my right, then I’m taken care of,” Brown said.

Brown talked very highly of her former coach Pettit, saying she still talks to him on a weekly basis. While Pettit has retired from coaching, he said he’s excited that Brown chose the field that she is in, because that is what she does best.

“She’s motivated by helping people reach potential, discover their talent,” Pettit said. It’s always energizing to interact with someone like that. She’s a pretty special person.”

As a former college standout and professional volleyball players, one might think there would be trophies and pictures all over her office. But it’s just her, working to help the people around her.

“It’s bringing in the team concept that we aren’t alone and as independent as you can be as


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Madison Yuelli launches a corner kick in a spring exhibition game for the Jacks soccer team. The Jacks wrap up their spring season on April 24 against Colorado in Lincoln, Nebraska.





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